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SUBJECT: NCUSCT DELEGATION

1. MORNING OF OCTOBER 15, PRCLO INFORMED NCUSCT THAT CCPIT HAD "JUST NOTICED" THAT THERE WAS NO DIRECT PLANE CONNECTION POSSIBLE HONG KONG/CANTON/PEKING ON NOVEMBER 5, WHICH IS A MONDAY. SUGGESTED THAT GROUP RE-ARRANGE ITINERARY ACCORDINGLY.

2. AT CORDIAL AFTERNOON MEETING WITH PRCLO OFFICER WANG TIEN-MING OCTOBER 15, NCUSCT SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE THAT DELEGATION ENTER CHINA FROM HONG KONG AND OVERNIGHT IN CANTON NOVEMBER 4 (THUS AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN AT FAIR PRIOR TO MEETINGS WITH CCPIT), AND FLY TO PEKING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. NCUSCT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROPOSED CANTON OVERNIGHT WOULD NOT PUT UNDUE STRAIN ON CCPIT, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO FIND ACCOMMODATION FOR FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL PEOPLE IN CANTON DURING HEIGHT OF THE FAIR- PRCLO APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO OVERNIGHT SUGGESTION, THOUGHT CONTACT WITH CANTON TRADERS WAS GOOD IDEA, SAID IT WOULD QUERY CCPIT ON THIS, WAS SURE CCPIT WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD.

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3. NCUSCT ALSO REPORTED ON MEETING WITH AMERICAN IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 10 IN NEW YORK. WANG COMMENTED THAT CCPIT WAS PLEASED WITH ANYTHING THAT NCUSCT

MIGHT DO TO IMPROVE US/PRC TRADE RELATIONS.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NCUSCT MONTHLY "U.S. CHINA BUSINESS REVIEW" AND LINK UP WITH CHINESE-LANGUAGE "AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL REPORT," WANG REVEALED THAT CCPIT PLANNING TO BEGIN PUBLICATION NEXT YEAR OF NEW MAGAZINE "FOREIGN TRADE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA," WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE QUARTERLY.

5. SEVERAL TIMES DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, WANG EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS FIRST AMERICAN BUSINESS DELEGATION HOSTED BY CCPIT AND WOULD BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY, E.G., WITH REGARD TO WHICH HOTEL DELEGATION WILL BE PUT UP IN, ETC. KISSINGER

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